

## REMARKS

### Summary

Applicants have cancelled Claims 1-3. No new matter has been added as a result of the amendment.

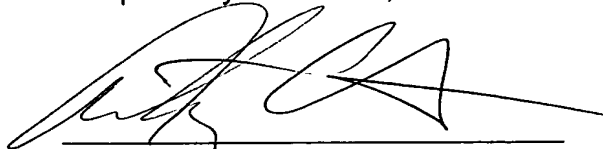
### Rejection of Claims

Claims 1-2 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Andricacos (U.S. Patent 5,825,609) and Claim 3 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Andricacos in view of Hagerup (U.S. Patent 6,477,054). Claims 4-6 were allowed. Claims 1-3 have been cancelled.

### Conclusion

In view of the amendments above, Applicant seeks an allowance thereof. If for any reason the Examiner is unable to allow the application in the next Office Action and believes that a telephone interview would be helpful to resolve any remaining issues, he is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned.

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